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1. Attachment 1 of this memorandum provides a detailed listing of uncompleted FY-57 and FY-58 Branch projects, as requested by the Deputy Chief, Economic Research, memorandum dated 3 October 1957. There are two significant departures from the program review conducted in August 1957 and reported in memoranda to Ch/E, 22 August 1957 and 4 September 1957. Project 36.905, "Prices, Costs and Labor Productivity in the Soviet-Bloc Electrotechnical Industry", has been further delayed owing to the reassignment of the project to another analyst. Project 36.904, "The Radar Industry of the USSR", has been completed by the analyst but is still under editorial review in the Branch. A delay in transmittal of this project has been made necessary by the absence of the Branch Chief during latter October and early November. Both projects have been delayed until 1 February 1958, the present target date for submission to St/PR.

2. Attachment 2 contains a brief statement of Branch time distribution for the final six months of FY-58. The project research time was taken from the detailed listing in Attachment 1. As indicated, five hundred hours of uncommitted research time was distributed between proposed new projects and an allowance for future unscheduled work. Project proposal memoranda are being prepared for two new projects, "Trends in the Electronics Industry of Communist China", and "The Effects of Decentralization of the Soviet Electronics Industry".

3. An informal staff study has been underway in the Branch to determine the most profitable research lines to be followed in the future, and to outline the scope and objectives of this research in detailed terms. This study is focused on several substantive problems which are considered appropriate for reappraisal in light of the general Branch review of past research. These problems have been assigned to individual analysts for examination, and papers have been prepared by them. These papers are now in the hands of the Branch Chief for incorporation into a cohesive statement of Branch objectives for the remainder of FY-58.

4. One of the problems investigated was a review of the methods used in the Branch for estimating electronics production as a function of electronic components, principally tubes. The sources and methods available for estimating industrial requirements for electronic products are also being reviewed. The review of I/EE estimates and estimating procedures on military electronics is progressing as the first step in

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the preparation of contributions to 30.1805 (Military Expenditures), 30.1804 (Air Defense NIE), and 10.1806 (Soviet Capabilities and Courses of Action).

5. This review program is intended to provide a basis for insuring a consistent and thorough approach to the following five major Soviet papers under preparation during the remaining part of FY-58.

- a. 30.1804, Air Defense NIE.
- b. 10.1806, Soviet Capabilities and Probable Courses of Action through 1963.
- c. 30.1805, Soviet Military Expenditures.
- d. 36.1935 (RR), Trends in the Electronics Industry of the USSR.
- e. 36.900 (RA), Methodology for Estimating Electronics Production.

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Attachments: 2

1. Listing of Uncompleted I/EE Research Projects, FY-57 and FY-58.
2. I/EE Time Distribution, 1 Jan 58 - 30 Jun 58.

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